



St. Thomas More Parish

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Mass Times

Weekend

Saturday - 4:30pm

Sunday - 9am & 11am

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 8:15am

Tuesday - 6:45pm

No Mass on Thursday

Holy Days

Eve - 6:45pm

Holy Days - 8:15am, 11:15am & 6:45pm

Confessions

Saturday - 3pm until 4pm

Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday

9am - 4pm



St. Thomas More School

Enrolling PreSchool thru 8th Grade
216-749-1660 | stmschool.com

Melissa Wensing
Business Manager

Terri Sozio
Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman
Youth Ministry

Alex Ulle
Music Director

Parish Staff
Rev. Michael J. Feldtz
Administrator

Deacon Don Brandt
Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki
Retired Deacon

Father James Vesely
Pastor Emeritus

Frank Budziak
Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson
Parish Secretary



SATURDAY, JULY 31 –

VIGIL

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 –

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - Founding Parishioners of St. Thomas More

*11:00AM - Barbara Dumovic

MONDAY, AUGUST 2 –

SS. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI & PETER JULIAN EYMARD

8:15AM - Lois Bouhall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3 –

WEEKDAY

6:45PM - Teresita Exconde

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 –

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

8:15AM - Mary Frey

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 –

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 –

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

8:15AM - Living & Deceased of the Kovach & Dagy Families

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 –

SS. SIXTUS II & CAJETAN

8:15AM - Bob Bonus

4:30PM - Former teachers of St. Thomas More School, both living & deceased

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 –

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Richard Franko

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for July 25th.....	\$3,622.10
Faith Direct as of 7/15.....	\$3,815.00
Maintenance.....	\$979.00
75th Anniversary.....	\$340.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

2021 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2021 Mass book is filled. There are missionaries and retired priests that can pray for your intention at their Masses. If you are interested, please call the rectory.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus I will test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” (Ex 16:4)

Psalm:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

... be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth. (Eph 4:23-24)

Gospel:

“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” (Jn 6:35)

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I - Alyssa Royer (St. Thomas More) & Benjamin Welsh

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Stephanie Liebert

SECRETARY: Dawn Thomas

REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register with the priest after Mass or by calling the rectory. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Sunday: 12:30 PM or during any weekend liturgy. Prior to baptism of their first child, parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Please call the rectory at 216-749-0414 to schedule an interview.

MARRIAGES

Should be arranged with a priest by calling the rectory 8 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

This week, we continue the talk of food, *bread from heaven*, and “being filled”. The *First Reading* from *Exodus* concerns the community grumbled against Moses and Aaron, which is a comfort to me as it keeps me humbled in hearing that things never change. The concern from the people is *the request to be fed*, the quest *for more* from heaven. Even in the *Gospel Reading* from St. John, the crowd is asking *for more*, that they ask Jesus, “...*give us this bread always.*” The people are hungry for *the bread of life*. This is the **Holy Eucharist**. Our question to ask: *are we hungry for this Bread of Life? Do we ever keep thinking, that there has to be more to life than this...?*

Yes, there is! There is *the glory of God and ultimately heaven!* We are good to keep asking these questions, and as St. Paul encourages us, “[to]...*put away the old self or your former ways of life ... and put on the new self.*” We as a parish have been, are, and will continue to do this together! We’re celebrating these past 75-years, and will continue into the future. May we all continue to “*never be full, but continue to grow closer to God!*”

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

“What’s the big deal about “*one letter*”? A very good question, I thought growing up as a school kid. Naturally, dad has all the answers, and often a way to explain it with a twist... “Well, there is a *h*ll of a lot of difference* between even just one letter, such as a D and a C in your grades...” (And thus, a *greater understanding was started* concerning the letter D...

So, how about the **D** in *fundraising* and *fun-raising*, still *that darn letter D*. But that is what I want you all to better understand, the difference of *that same letter D*. The 75th Anniversary events are meant to be **FUN**-raising events, which is we all have fun! The **FunD**raising events will be coming, especially when the Diocese sees all the **FUN** we are having, (but that’s another day). Thank you to all the committees, the volunteers, and you for this weekend’s celebration. There will be a *nominal* charge for the food and drinks, but this is only to help with the rising food costs. The **FUN** will not be short changed. The Bishop mentioned a few times during his visit, *thank you for 75-years as a parish here in Brooklyn, and bringing Christ to others*. This what we will always continue to do, as a parish, and well into the future – *as we will continue to have FUN!*

School News and MORE thoughts:

We continue to *make miracles happen* over at the school... The new principal and new teachers are getting into place. The updates to *the rooms, the hallways, and the roof* are close to being complete (and ahead of schedule). These are only a few of the “*miracles*” happening as we move through this transition period. **BUT**, now it is time to get back to the other *miracles* that we as the St. Thomas More Parish & School will continue, which is helping those in need.

There were a few “*Guardian Angels*” who stepped forward and asked about helping a student or two, whose family could not afford the full tuition amount. Back when we talked on the sidewalk after Mass, I asked that you see me again in the fall or closer to the school year. If *in your kindness*, you can please see me or call the rectory to leave your contact information, **PLEASE do so soon**. We do have a number of children who need our help. The COVID-19 changes to the new normal have left the financial support weaker than we expected, so we will need to talk more about helping our school children and their families. The best way is that you call the rectory, and I will be the one to call you directly to talk further about these needs of the children. Thank you so very much in advance.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Madelyn Koranda.

Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember to send in any pictures that you take to the rectory. **Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2021.**

SAINT QUOTE

“Prayer never leaves us without sweetness. It is honey that flows into the souls and makes all things sweet. When we pray properly, sorrows disappear like snow before the sun.”

*St. John Vianney (1786-1859),
Confessor, Patron of Parish Priests,
Feast Day: August 4th*

(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

PARISH PRAYER

O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless this parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice and service so that, with Your grace, we may provide for the needs of our members, glorify You and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

VOCATION CORNER

For Fr. Marc Scheckells and Fr. Johnpaul Cafiero and all of the Friars in the Province of the Sacred Heart

You can learn more about this order by visiting—www.thefriars.org. Please keep the Friars and all those discerning a vocation in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let them know that they are in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to St. Anthony Friary, 3140 Mera-mec Street, St. Louis, MO 63118-4399.

Thank You!

Thank you to the 75th Anniversary Committee for putting together our 75th Anniversary Summer Celebration. This day would not be possible if it wasn’t for all of the hard work of the core committee. We thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to the parish!



Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Michael Bogucki, Avianna Burgos, Minh Chau & Tai Nguyen, Jeremy Cheetham, Jim Crowley, Diana Downes, Sharon Erich, Maureen Finneran, Ruth & Joseph Giaco, Alice Gruden, Bobby Hengoed, Ed Hengoed, Sr., Ida Jean Hopkins, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Mick Jones, Doris Kaczmarek, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Martha & George Kysil, Robert Loria, Bill Malames, Vinny Mercurio, John Misch, Tim Misch, Rafaela Morales, Josalyn Murray, Keshia Newton, Jim Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Corporal Daniel Parkison, Aurora Pelleschi, Mary Ellen Popovich, Dennis Powers, Sr., Paula Ritter, Ed Rogers, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Mary Ryba, Baby Sienna, Memphis Charles & Myles David Sparks, Jennifer Stancato, Karen Syroka, Debbie Tomusko, Joy Turner, Jim Viets, Erica Wilmot, Robert Wittine, Betty Wozniak, Ed Zalar and Marian Zawadzki

Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for the month.



Please remember
Joseph M. Gareau, Mary Ann Cowgill
and Dolores Hana in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.



NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at St. Thomas More during the month of **July** –
Phyllis Foster & Mary Woodall.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory. One of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you and set up a meeting. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Golf Outing - Join us on Saturday, August 14th for the 9th Annual Mary Queen of Peace Golf Outing & Steak Dinner at Coppertop Golf Club (5740 Center Road, Valley View). Registration: 6:45AM - Shot Gun Start at 7:30AM. \$125 fee includes golf scramble, golf cart, lunch, drink tickets for the course, steak dinner, door prizes and trophies. Multiples Sponsorship opportunities available. Call Thom Mills at 216-406-3213 for more details.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030

Festival of Praise - Join us on Wednesday, August 4th starting with 7PM Mass in church until 8:30PM for an evening experience of Adoration, Praise and Music of our Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar - the Eucharist. A Festival of Praise (FOP) consists of praying through song. Our dedicated FOP band will lead us in song. All are welcome to join us!

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Bus Trip - St. Leo's Bus Trips are BACK! All trips leave from and return to the rectory side of St. Leo's parking lot. Join us on Wednesday, August 18th for a trip to Rivers Casino. \$45/person with a Casino Bonus - \$20 in free play and a \$5 food credit. Call Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 with questions or to register.

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic? If so, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414. Sessions will begin in September.

PSR

Registration is open for PSR classes for the 2021/2022 school year. Forms are available on the parish website or in the rectory. Forms and payment are due to the rectory by August 15th. Please contact the rectory with any questions. For any families with students in grades 1-8 that will be new to the program next year, please contact Terri Sozio at psr@stmparish.net.

CONFIRMATION 2022

If your child will be in the 8th Grade for the 2021/2022 school year and is NOT in PSR or the Day School, please contact the parish or email bbarker@stmparish.net to get information on service.

FIRST COMMUNION

If your child is not enrolled in the day school or PSR and is interested in making his/her First Communion, please contact the rectory to register.

NINE NIGHTS OF PRAYER

Everyone across the eight-county Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is invited to participate in praying the Night Prayer of the Church at nine different parishes in the diocese on consecutive evenings from Aug. 7 to Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Nine churches will be open for night prayer 8:15-9PM each of those nights. Parishes taking part in this opportunity for prayer are:

- St. Michael the Archangel Parish,
3114 Scranton Road, Cleveland (In Spanish)
- St. Mary Parish, 242 N. State St., Painesville
- St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception,
527 Beall Ave., Wooster
- St. Peter Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Road,
North Ridgeville
- St. Augustine Parish, 204 Sixth St. NW, Barberton
- St. Sebastian Parish, 476 Mull St., Akron
- St. John Cantius Parish, 906 College Ave., Cleveland
- St. Luke Parish, 1212 Bunts Road, Lakewood
- Holy Spirit Parish, 4341 E. 131st St., Garfield Heights

“For nine consecutive nights, in nine particular churches around the diocese, the faithful – and even the non-faithful – can come out to pray the universal Night Prayer of the Church. Those who are really adventurous can try to pray at all nine churches in nine nights,” said Father Damian Ference, who recently was appointed the new position of diocesan vicar for evangelization.

“As the first vicar for evangelization, I wanted to get moving right away, but not with any new program,” he said, explaining the multi-night prayer event.

Night prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus’ command to “pray always.” Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world.

“‘Nine Nights of Night Prayer’ is a unique opportunity to open up nine of our beautiful churches in the evenings for an experience of beauty, community, Scripture and tradition,” Father Ference added, noting that Pope Francis reminds us that prayer “appeases anger, sustains love, multiplies joy and instills the strength to forgive.”

Visit: <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/nightprayer>

“YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH”

Pope Francis has declared an entire year dedicated to St. Joseph. The Year of St. Joseph began on December 8, 2020 and continues until December 8, 2021.

MIRROR OF PATIENCE

Patience is willingness to suffer. A patient is one who suffers a malady not by choice whereas a patient man is one who suffers volitionally rather than relinquish the vocation given him. Joseph was patient because of his love. He was willing to suffer anything, even the loss of Our Lady and the Divine Child by being the first to die.

(<https://yearofstjoseph.org/resources/virtues-of-st-joseph/>)



Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

- Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
- Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

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75TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

Below are the updated stats for the week ending July 30th. (26 new families and 53 new parishioners so far this year!) As of Wednesday, July 28th, 426 tickets have been sold. Tickets will continue to be sold right up until the drawing at 5pm this Sunday, August 1st. Thank you for your continued support!



**St. Thomas More
75 Year Anniversary
1946 - 2021
Renewal Fund**



Thank you for your continued support!

St. Thomas More Parish

75th Anniversary Summer Celebration



Sunday, August 1st
Time: 12PM-5PM



Free Admission

On the grounds of St. Thomas More Church

❖ Food ❖ Entertainment ❖ Games ❖ Raffle ❖

75th Anniversary Raffle

Tickets \$75.00 each

First Prize: \$7,500

Second Prize: \$2,021

Third Prize: \$1,946

Drawing at 5PM - Winner need not be present

All are welcome to join us!!!

Bring the Family & Friends for a great day of Fellowship, Fun, and great prizes!!

THE FEST 2021

One Week Away!

The FEST 2021 is only ONE WEEK AWAY! Have you purchased your tickets yet? For only \$10, you'll get to listen to LIVE music from King & Country, Danny Gokey, Tauren Wells and We Are Messengers, enjoy meaningful displays, great giveaways, delicious food, the Colgate Bus, inspiring kids crafts, activities and fun inflatables and so much more. The FEST 2021 will be a day of faith, family and Fun! We hope to see you at Brookside Reservation on August 8th - visit www.TheFEST.us for more information! Join Bishop Malesic for a beautiful outdoor Mass at 8PM with thousands of others coming together to find grace, strength and courage from the Lord.

Going to The FEST - As Easy as 1,2,3...

Next weekend, thousands from our region will be coming together for The FEST 2021 - make sure you join in the fun! First - be sure you've purchased your ticket(s) at www.TheFEST.us/tickets. Next - invite your family and friends to join you! There is something for everyone at The FEST - what better way to enjoy the day than surrounded by your favorite people? Third - check out www.TheFEST.us for all the details on parking, main stage schedule, giveaways and more and join us in counting down the days to Sunday, August 8th!

From the comfort of your home!

We are looking forward to coming together in person at Brookside Reservation. We also want to make sure that EVERYONE can join us so The FEST will be streamed LIVE. You can find out all the details, along with GREAT FEST activities and messages of hope and inspiration, on our website: www.TheFEST.us. Spread the word. You can literally tell EVERYONE you know to join us for The FEST streamed LIVE into your home.

CAFETERIA POSITIONS AVAILABE

There are cafeteria positions available at Catholic elementary schools in the area. Qualification: high school diploma or equivalent preferred. Previous food service experience a plus. Must pass BCI and FBI background check. Must complete employer-provided VIRTUS training session within 30 days of hire. Excellent communication skills.

For details & an application, call Carol Szabo at Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, 216-696-6525, ext. 3340 or email cszabo@dioceseofcleveland.org.